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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

**SUBJECT: Senate Investigation of Events Affecting the
Situation in the Middle East**

This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 2.

1. The following information was obtained from Rod O'Connor, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations:

The Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees have set up a subcommittee to carry out the investigation recommended by Senator Fulbright. The subcommittee consists of Senators Fulbright (Chairman), Mansfield, Byrd, Wiley, Knowland and Saltonstall. The Department of State has been requested for a chronological statement of all events "significantly affecting" the situation in the Middle East during the period from January 1946 to the present, "together with supporting documents, classified and unclassified." An internal meeting was scheduled with the Secretary yesterday to discuss the procedure for handling this request. The proposal to the Secretary was that compliance be limited to a chronological catalog of events, with references to various key documents. After the Secretary approves a procedure, the Department is planning to meet with the subcommittee to discuss their proposals for compliance with the subcommittee's request.

2. I have not attempted to establish any formal liaison with State on this matter, but it is obvious that certain aspects of their reports to Congress will be of definite interest to us. I have some doubts as to whether a contact between the Legislative Liaison offices of our agencies would be the most productive way of handling this problem, although I will of course keep in touch with committee developments. It is therefore recommended that an agreement be reached with State at the appropriate level to insure that the substance of matters which are of importance to CIA are checked out with the appropriate people here.

/s/ Norman S. Paul

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You might give me a call about this if Kirk has not already spoken to you about the discussion which took place at the Deputies' Meeting today. Mr. Amory referred to Senator Symington's call to the Director on 25 February 1957 respecting the recent publicity on Soviet bomber strength and recommended that he and "Norman Paul" call on the Senator and give him a chronological report of how we arrive at the figures contained in our estimates. The Director said he was more or less committed to furnish											
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